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New face in the athletic department

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Gary Sharpe is still the athletic director? I thought he resigned? Even though the names are the same, this is a different Sharpe.

Mike Sharpe officially started his duties as Avila College's Athletic Director on Sept. 24. Since then he has been trying to establish himself as a leader in the athletic department.

"Over the past two to three years, there has been an inconsistent directorship within the athletic department. I hope to rectify this situation with longevity," Sharpe said. "I will make it one of my priorities to attend as many events as my schedule permits and show support for the student athletes."

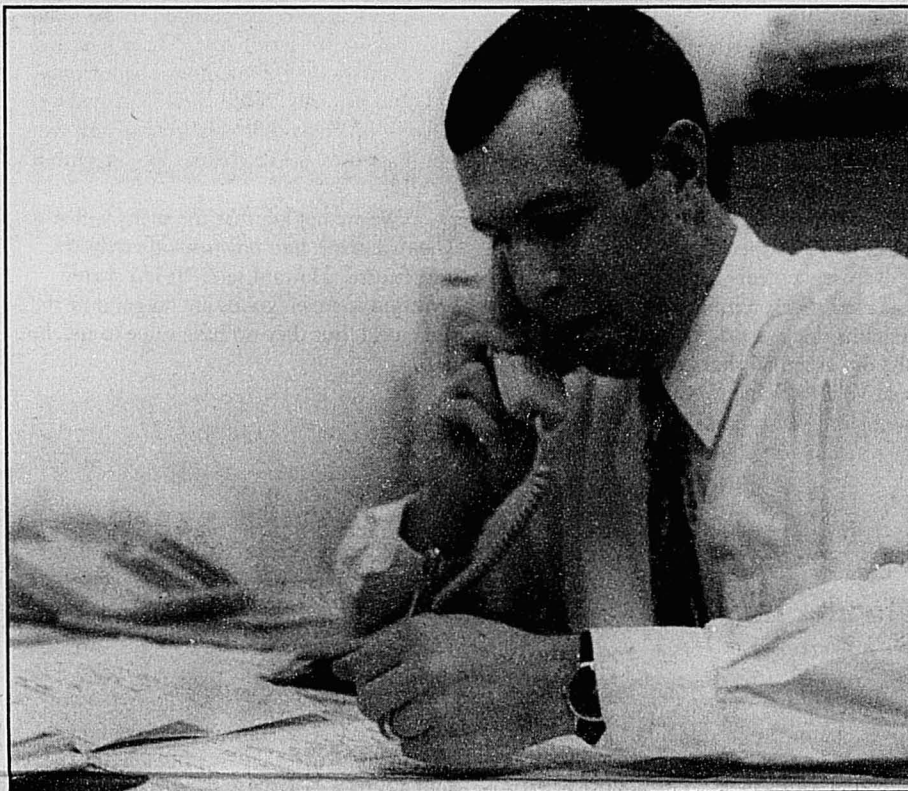
Sharpe has years of experience in the area of athletics and management. He was an assistant basketball coach at the University of Missouri - Kansas City for three years and Pratt Community College for two years. He was also the men's head basketball coach at Brown-Mackie College for two years.

Sharpe was enthusiastic about working at Avila for several reasons. One was his familiarity with the area, since he grew up

in Stanley, Kan. He also felt strongly about the positive relationship between the administration and the athletes. "I am excited about the commitment from the administration to athletics, starting from Mr. Gordon and through Mr. Deighton. I also see a strong commitment from the coaches to the athletes and to their programs as well," Sharpe said.

The athletes and coaches seem impressed by the interest he is showing in every program. Sharpe has already shown one coach his desire to win. "He is definitely all about helping each and every team. He also shows a unique interest in coaches, players and their efforts," Head Baseball Coach Ryan Howard said.

One athlete is very optimistic about Sharpe's new ideas and plans. "I think he will definitely be an improvement from the last athletic director. It always seemed like we were fighting...to get something accomplished. I have only heard good things about Mike Sharpe. It sounds like he wants to work with us and not against us," baseball player Casey Berry said.



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Athletic Director Mike Sharpe is on the phone getting things squared away.

Stay healthy this winter

JoAnna Rogers
Staff Writer

Beeep! Beeep! Beeep! The alarm clock sounds with a repetitive tone. You are still very sleepy and definitely not ready to wake up. Your head is pulsating in time with the alarm. Your nose is stuffed up to the point that you can barely breathe. On top of all that, your eyes are itchy. Sound familiar?

That would describe a typical fall morning for sophomore Chris Steppig. Mornings like these leave Steppig feeling frustrated and obviously very sick. Simply forgetting his allergy medication one time can cause him to have such a rude awaken-

ing.

"Sometimes I can go days without using my medicine but as often as the weather changes here, it is hard to tell when I'll have a reaction," Steppig said.

"Students often mistake allergies for colds because, the symptoms are so similar," Director of Health and Child Services Carol Frevert, R.N. said. According to Frevert, cold symptoms include congestion, scratchy throats, itchy eyes, sneezing, and a possible cough. Allergies usually produce the same symptoms, but tend to include more sneezing and eye irritation.

Individuals are affected by allergies differently. A person with allergies might show symptoms for reasons such as inhaling a certain scent or a change in the seasons.

Some allergies are more apparent during specific seasons while several others occur year round. One way to distinguish an allergy from a cold is whether the symptoms keep reoccurring or last only a few days.

Freshman Sam Mason said, "After hearing about all that, it is amazing that more people aren't rushing to the doctor to see if they have allergies instead of just a

continuous cold."

If you think you might have allergies, Frevert suggests visiting her in lower Carondelet or contacting a doctor.

"The best way to prevent a cold and most other illnesses is to wash your hands all the time," Frevert said. If preventative measures fail, Frevert recommends treating your cold with enough sleep to feel rested, plenty of hot fluids, and an over-the-counter drug to help ease the symptoms.

Miscalculations cost debate team

Kathryn Stasevich
Copy Editor

Avila's six-member debate team is well into its second season of competition. The young team consists of returning members Carly Daniel and Nicole Kelly and new members Myra Abramozewski, Steve Castro, Jeremy Cox, and Richard Russ.

Over fall break, the debate team traveled to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. and competed in the Nebraska Double-Up Swing Tournament. Myra Abramozewski and her Washburn

University partner made semi-finals in junior varsity parliamentary debate. Steve Castro was next-out for finals in prose and dramatic interpretation.

The junior varsity parliamentary debate team of Kelly and Daniel competed, but were unable to advance to the quarterfinals because of a tabulation error. Kelly received a one and a two rating in impromptu speaking, but due to tournament scheduling and tabulation errors she was unable to compete

in the semifinals.

"You can't do much better than a one and a two," Kelly said. "It was a disappointing weekend because I could have taken home a trophy."

"The tournament denied some [students] proper recognition," Debate Coach Kristie Pennock-Delgado said.

Earlier this year, the team competed at Purdue University. Daniel and Kelly made it to the octo-finals, Kelly was one of the

top 20 speakers, and Castro placed sixth overall in dramatic interpretation.

The debate team is looking forward to a successful season. "We had a pretty good year our first year and I hope we can improve on that," Pennock-Delgado said. This weekend the team will be competing at Longview Community College.

Thefts plague athletic department

Andrea Sexton
Chief Photographer

One late summer afternoon, Head Baseball Coach Ryan Howard was in his office in Mabee Fieldhouse. Howard placed the baseball team's only radar gun on its charger and left the building to check on a pre-season practice.

"I was gone for about 15 minutes during the day and when I came back, the gun and some visors were missing," Howard said.

Over the past few months, the athletic office has been the victim of several thefts. In late August, the football team was hit the hardest, when a \$1,600 digital camera was taken out of the main athletic office. "One digital camera, two camcorders, and my shoestrings were cut," Assistant Football Coach Curtis Jasper said.

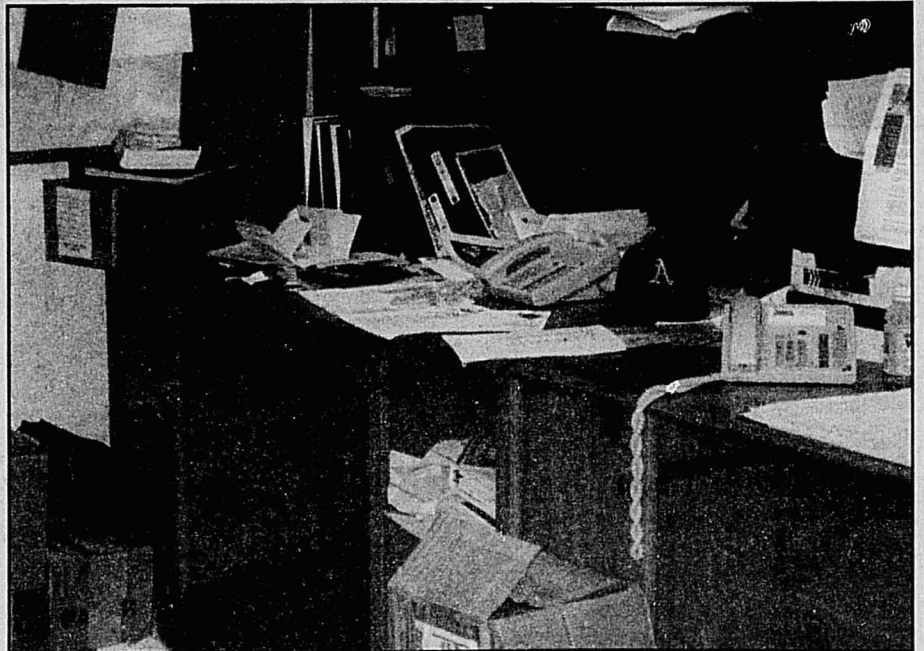
Other incidents include two pairs of basketball shoes, a psychology book, and programs that were destroyed. "I left two pairs of basketball shoes under my desk," Head Volleyball and Women's Basketball Coach Jim McMurray said. "The shoes

were taken the same day the radar gun was stolen."

"The first football programs were designed by Coach Schuler. They were nice. They had two colors and everything. On the same day as the baseball team's radar gun was stolen, the programs were torn up and put in Coach Johnson's mailbox," Jasper said.

The acts have been limited to the main office of Mabee Fieldhouse. "They happen in the afternoon and evening. There seems to be no pattern," Jasper said. "The Avila security office has not contacted us. All we can do is turn the thefts into Joe Deighton," he said.

"We are hoping that the thefts will stop when we move into our new offices in the near future," Howard said. "It is a shame because the stolen goods are no good in the real world, but they do have value to us," he said.



A. Sexton

Coach Howard's desk was one of the several areas hit during the recent thefts.

Life in the real world

Mitsuka Imahiro
Staff Writer

Jobs provide students with experience, knowledge for the future, and financial support.

Senior Rebecca Wywadis, an elementary education major, is an administrative assistant working at the Child Care Association of Johnson County. "I chose this job because it deals directly with children and their families," Wywadis said. "I am using knowledge gained in my college classes to be successful at my job. Using prior knowledge is good, and it makes me

effective at what I do."

Junior Carrie Haffman, a computer science major, is working as a librarian in the Avila Library. She chose the job because it is a good working environment. "[The job] is good in that the people are friendly, and I like to be around people. But, in a sense I am not around computers a whole lot," Haffman said.

Senior marketing major Benjamin Chai works for America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses selling optical equipment. "I am

responsible for all steps in the selling process to prospective customers. I also handle all the training and equipment needs and resolve customer service issues," he said.

"I sell products that fit individual life styles so clients walk away happy, with no post cognitive dissonance, and somewhat of a brand loyalty. Customers of America's Best Contacts know we care," Chai said. Chai believes the face-to-face customer experience is valuable, and will aid him in his chosen career field.

Freshman nursing major Sara Crosley works as a tutor five hours a week in the Student Resource Center. This serves as a requirement in order to maintain her scholarship. Crosley said it helps to build her communication skills. She is also a waitress at Tanner's Bar and Grill. "The food and money are great, but the public is incredibly rude," Crosley said.

Avila students are using their jobs to gain real-life experience.

Kansas City unites to show its patriotism

Karen Guber
Editor-In-Chief

We watched as flames shot from the Pentagon and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center crumbled into a pile of nothing. The tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001 will haunt our memories forever.

In the days following the attacks, Avila students voiced their opinions about what happened and the impact it had on them.

"It does affect all of us," sophomore Jennifer Smith said. "It's scary. I had a friend that was supposed to be on the plane that hit the Pentagon. It really makes you think."

"Everyone is a victim here," senior Kristen Donnelly said.

Some turned to religion as a method of coping. "It continues to unconsciously affect

all of us in the country. I'm grateful to see the whole uprising of prayer," Sister Ruth Stuckel said. "What we need to do is grow through the event. Pray for the enemies and see if we can find who they are and somehow try to change their minds about what it is to live in a world with all of [us] who are human. We just have to learn to live

with differences. I would pray for greater tolerance among us, so that this won't continue and that this doesn't happen again."

People decorated their homes with the stars and stripes. Avila held a candlelight vigil in remembrance of those who perished. Still others chose a different way to show the U.S. support.

Kansas City area residents displayed their patriotism and helped support the New York City firefighters by wearing red, white and blue to form a human flag. The event, organized by KCTV5 and 96.5 "the Buzz," took place at Shawnee Mission Park on Sept. 21.

"It was that morning that I can honestly say we are a nation capable of unity, love, and support for our fellow American citizens," Leslie Hamilton said.

"Being part of the human flag was a very uplifting experience. I will never forget the way Kansas City came together to bring peace and hope to the rest of the United States," Amy Peterman said.



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Kansas City area residents form a human flag.

Urban terrors

Jeremy Cox
Staff Writer

A local high school girl was babysitting two little kids for a neighbor when the phone rang. When she answered, a man's voice said, "You better get out of the house. I'll be there soon and I will kill you."

The girl hung up without saying a word. She shrugged it off thinking that it was probably just some kids pulling a prank. She went back to watching television. About 15 minutes later, the phone rang again.

"Hello," she said.

"You better get out of the house, I'll be there very soon and I will kill you."

This time the babysitter shouted angry words into the phone, and slammed it down. Before she could make it back to the couch, the phone rang again. It was the same voice on the other end.

"I warned you. I've got the kids and I'm coming for you."

Now the babysitter was frightened. She hung up, called the police and told them what was going on.

"We're sending a squad car over now, miss," the officer said. "But please hold on so that we can trace where the last three phone calls to you came from."

A moment later the officer came back on the line, "Get out of the house now! Those calls came from the upstairs phone of that house!"

For as long as stories have been told, urban legends like this one have been a part of this nation's history. Loosely based on factual events, there are thousands of stories. Many have an underlying theme to the story, so those who hear it will learn a lesson from the misfortunes of the characters.

Urban legends and folklore flew back into the national spotlight with the 1998 release of a movie called *Urban Legends*. This teen screamer flick was about a killer who eliminated his victims by using several well known, and not so well known, urban legends. This movie allows these tales of fear, murder, and mayhem to live on forever.

Looking for Urban Legends? Check out these websites.

<http://www.ulrc.com.au>

<http://www.snopes2.com>

<http://www.urbanlegends.com>

<http://www.bloodbath.4dw.com>



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"The fate of the babysitter looks grim."

Classic film noir sets horror precedence

Jeremy Cox
Staff Writer

Before Freddy was clawing his way into peoples' nightmares, before Jason was making some think twice about camping in the woods, and before Hannibal Lecter was turning the nation into vegetarians, three men set the trend for horror films. The original kings of scream were Lon Chaney, Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff.

Before computer graphics created images that could be truly feared, these men were the faces of evil. Dracula, Frankenstein, and the Wolfman were just a few of the monsters these stars of the silver screen created. They set the standard for future horror films.

Able to strike fear into the hearts of audiences with a mere look, Dracula was the epitome of evil. He needed neither a knife nor a chainsaw to disable his victims. Upon gazing into his hypnotic eyes, the victim fell under the spell of Count Dracula. He would drain the life and blood from his victims by biting their necks.

Frankenstein was a freak of nature that was created by science. The monster was a gentle creature that was searching for knowledge, love, and understanding, but instead found a world full of hatred. Viewed as a freak, he reacted in the only way that he knew how - with anger. His anger turned him into a monster.

The Wolfman is created when a wolf bites a human. Unable to control his animal instincts, the man thirsts for blood. The film shows the changes the character goes through when he is not a werewolf. It shows how important the value of life is through the eyes of this hero/villain.

Raw emotion and a lot of make-up allowed these men to frighten movie-goers. Although, they are not the creators of the horror genre, they certainly thrust it into the mainstream. Their films may not be as

frightening as recent horror releases, but there was a time when they were feared.

Looking for a good scare? Check out these movies to make your Halloween a spooky one:

- 1) *Dracula*
- 2) *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari*
- 3) *Creature from the Black Lagoon*
- 4) *The Wolfman*
- 5) *Frankenstein*
- 6) *Poltergeist*
- 7) *The Shining*
- 8) *Nightmare on Elm Street*
- 9) *Texas Chainsaw Massacres*
- 10) *Halloween*



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He's half man, and he's half wolf - he's the Wolfman!

Country misses a step

Karen Guber
Editor-In-Chief

Break out the cowboy boots, Stetsons, and Wranglers, because it is Thursday night and time for a little bit of two-steppin'. To catch some country action, check out the Beaumont Club in Westport.

If you do not know how to two-step, stay at home, or you may end up sitting at the bar all night. The cha-cha line dance, not the Cha-Cha Slide, is thrown in every now again to change up the mix, and you can slap some leather, too. Just keep in mind that every bar's line dances are different, so take out a step here and add a different one there.

Do not worry about missing a step; colliding with anyone is highly unlikely. The dance floor is huge in comparison to other clubs in the area. Maybe, it just seems bigger because there are not many people there. The pickings for two-step partners are slim, to say the least.

You definitely have to be a country music fan to stomach this experience. The

music is hardly great. For those more into hip-hop and dance tunes, they do alternate mixes later on in the evening. But, do not hold your breath for anything more recent than the Electric Slide, or Ricky Martin's Cup of Life, because the chances of hearing it are slim to none.

The mechanical bull on the far side of the club offers the most entertainment of the evening. Watching cowboys who have had a few too many drinks get tossed around provides a few laughs in what was an otherwise dull evening.

Twenty-one and up, and no cover at the door for guys or ladies.

The Beaumont Club gets:



The "Joy" Ride

Jeremy Lillig
Staff Writer

Oh yes, the wonderful world of CB radio, where you can trick a trucker into meeting a made-up person, only to find out that he does not take a joke very well. This is the premise for the film *Joy Ride*.

The movie starts with two college students (Walker and Sobieski) making plans to take a road trip home. With the purchase of a '71 Cutlass, the trip begins. Along the way, Walker bails his delinquent brother (Zahn) out of jail, thus incorporating another character into the film.

Then comes the meat of the story - they decide to use a CB radio as a practical joke. They trick a truck driver, with the convenient call name of "Rusty Nail," into thinking that they are girls awaiting his arrival. Throughout the remainder of the trip, Rusty Nail seeks revenge by chasing down the pranksters.

There is a slight problem with this movie. It is boring. All of the action has the

Joy Ride

★★(out of ★★★★★)

Rated: R

Running Time: 105 minutes

Starring: Paul Walker, Steve Zahn, and Leelee Sobieski

potential to be exciting, but it has been done before, so there is not much entertainment coming from that realm.

They also try to build the romantic tension that is just too unbelievable for words. Walker plays his surfer boy character, Zahn is the quick-wit type, and Sobieski is the smart-shy-nice-girl type. These three stereotypes do not equal a third dimension when added together.

Joy Ride, containing all of these over done images, is nothing more than a stroll to the store in your grandma's Cadillac.

Stay at home and watch re-runs of *The Golden Girls*; it probably will have more action.

Win boosts hopes for football

Alana Groom
Staff Writer

Early in the season, *The Kansas City Star* predicted the Avila football team would not be able to produce any wins on the season, and if they came within 10 points of a team, they should consider it a victory.

The team has beat the odds, generating a win against the Central Methodist Eagles by a score of 17-14, and only losing to William Jewell and Baker by exactly 10 points earlier in the season.

Quarterback Malik Kincheloe said, "We are a young team with tremendous talent but we just lack the college experience that many of the other teams have in the conference."

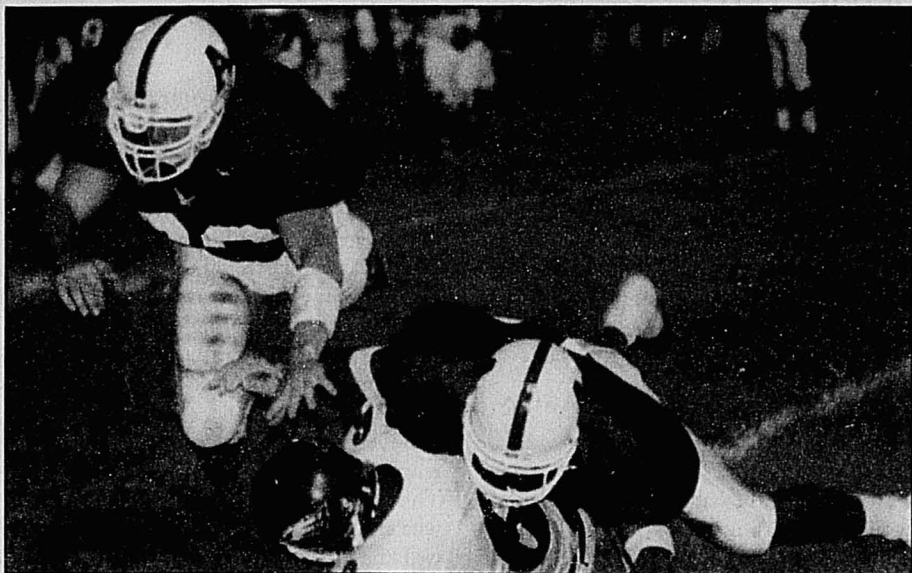
"At the beginning of our season our team goal was to win one game," linebacker Kylan Moore said. "We beat Central

Methodist and we should gain confidence from it, hopefully allowing us to produce more victories as the year goes on."

The win against Central Methodist moved Avila out of last place in the conference standings. "The best thing about the win is that now we are not the worst team in the conference," Kincheloe said.

Although the Eagles have only a single win in their first six games, they are beginning to gel together and play as a team. They feel that will help them with the last games of the season. "If we can stay injury free, we will win some more games this season," cornerback Aaron Jones said.

The Eagles next home game is Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m., when they take on Graceland.



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David Garner and Bobby Bass level the ball carrier.

New trainer on campus

Kevin Furderer
Staff Writer

All fall sports teams at Avila had a rough first two weeks of practices because the athletes had no athletic trainer to tend to their injuries. That has changed now that Jason Means has been named the athletic trainer.

Means previously worked at Paola High School as the head athletic trainer and in a Kansas City rehabilitation clinic, Professional Rehab. Means was happy to get the job at Avila, but with 10 sports teams and only one trainer, he has his work cut out for him.

"I like the job, but I'm working my tail off," Means said. "For starters, it would be nice to have at least two assistant trainers for basic needs such as taping. Eventually it

would be excellent if we could get some students who are interested in athletic training as a profession to become assistants."

Student athletes at Avila also agree that Means should have a little bit of assistance, especially as he is getting his feet wet.

Dennis Rodrigues, member of the football team, said, "I think that it has to be difficult being the only athletic trainer on campus. He's always working so hard making sure everything is handled correctly with the sports teams. Great athletes need a lot of attention when it comes to injuries and Jason has to worry about taping and other things as well as injuries."

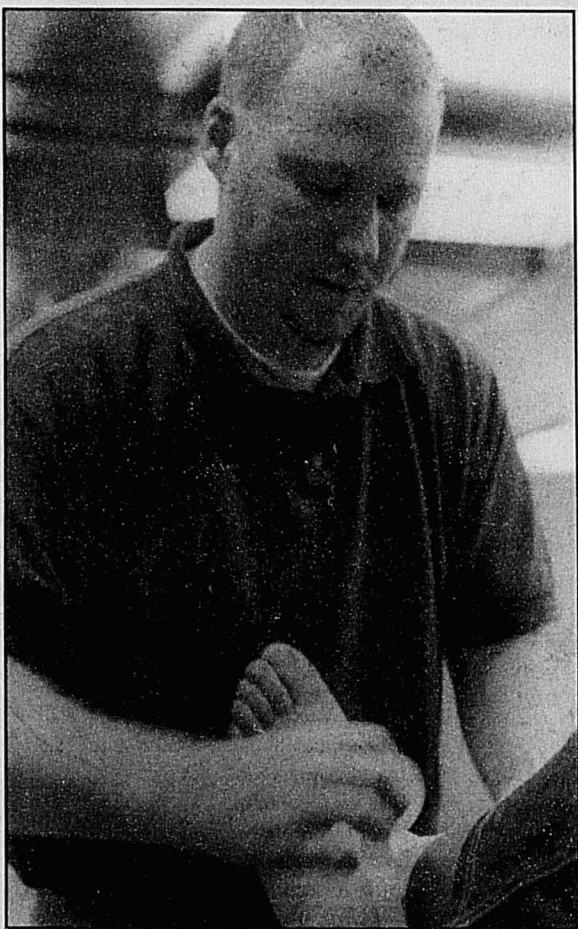
There are only so many people that one trainer can tend to, which means there is

going to be someone on the team that has to tape his or her own ankles, or an injury might not get looked at when it needs to. Dave Madeo, member of the Avila men's soccer team, said, "The new trainer on campus definitely needs some assistants to help him out. He is doing a great job for being the only trainer for the sports teams."

Means is making sure that he puts in the time he needs to assure that things are running smoothly.

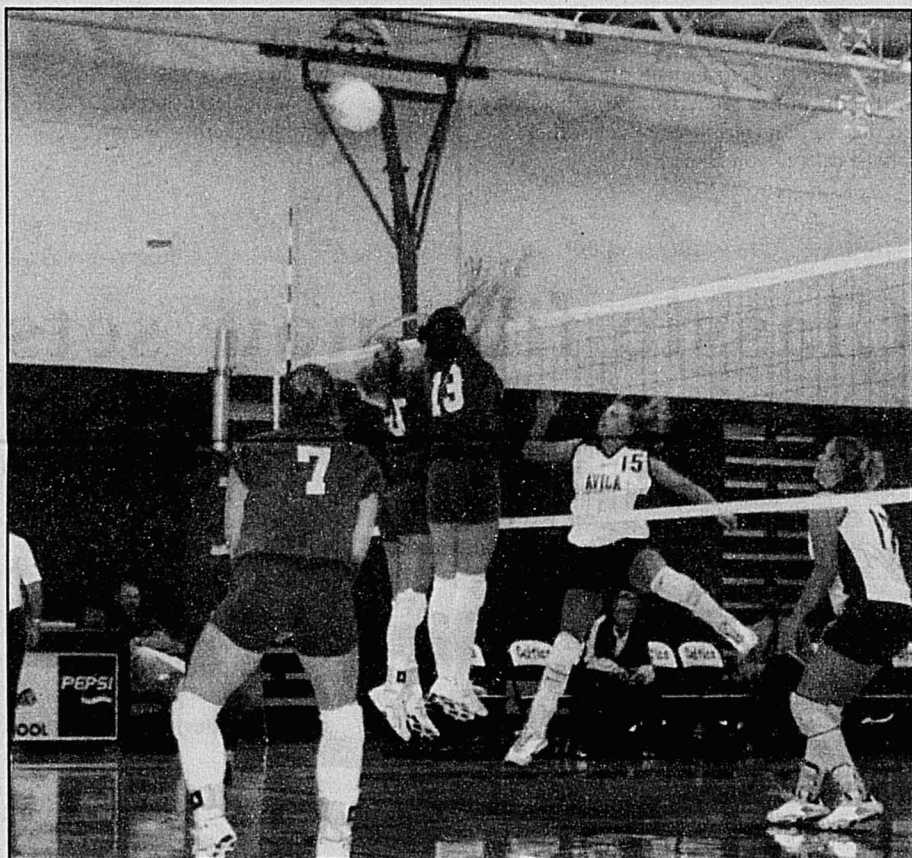
"Responsibilities, especially with football, go up so greatly that it takes a lot of time to make sure everything is covered the way that it should be," Means said. "I've just been trying to keep my head above water."

Means is the only trainer for the football team, dance team, cheerleading squad, men and women's soccer, volleyball, softball, baseball, and men and women's basketball, meaning as long as he is working solo, he will remain constantly busy.



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Athletic Trainer Jason Means taping up a football player before practice.



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Ashley Suter hits the ball past the defensive block.

Volleyball strives for strong finish

Toya Westbrook
Staff Writer

The volleyball team is looking to finish this season out as strong as possible.

Coming off a devastating season last year, the team has worked to improve on their previous 4-27 record. Currently 5-16, they have already made strides in improving the club.

Leadership that has lacked in past seasons has finally emerged. "Three ladies, Alana Groom, Toni Ferrera, and Kristy Crawford, are young athletes who play a big part on the volleyball team," Co-Head Coach Jim McMurray said.

"We actually have a team with players that want to play together," Junior Crystal Holt said.

McMurray said the most important thing about the team is making sure the coaching staff stays positive with the players.

"One of the best qualities these girls have is their ability to never give up on anything they do, and that they always have love for the game. Going into the end of their season, they are still preparing to play their best so they can be the best," he said.

"They [are] a good group of girls, that set out to achieve their goals, and never give up while competing," McMurray said.

Their last home game against Baker University, who is 15-1, will be Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., at O'Hara High School.

Women's soccer strives to reach goals

Shannon Degitz
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles, currently 3-7, got off to a rocky start and have not picked up many wins along the way. Despite the constant streak of losses, the women's soccer team is determined to keep their heads up high and not give up.

"Our record does not show our true talent. We have played awesome in close games. We just haven't quite made it to the top yet," midfielder/forward Crystal Mitchell said.

"We are a team, and we will give our best until we have nothing left to give," forward Laura Wilkerson said. "It is frustrating at times, but we try not to get discouraged. We just try to do it better the next game."

Wilkerson feels that there needs to be more fan support for the Lady Eagles. "We want to see more people at our games who support us. Support from fans means a lot to us and it gets us pumped up for the game," she said.

The Lady Eagles have set goals for the team and themselves. They are working on meeting those goals, whether they come through wins or through the hard work they put forth.

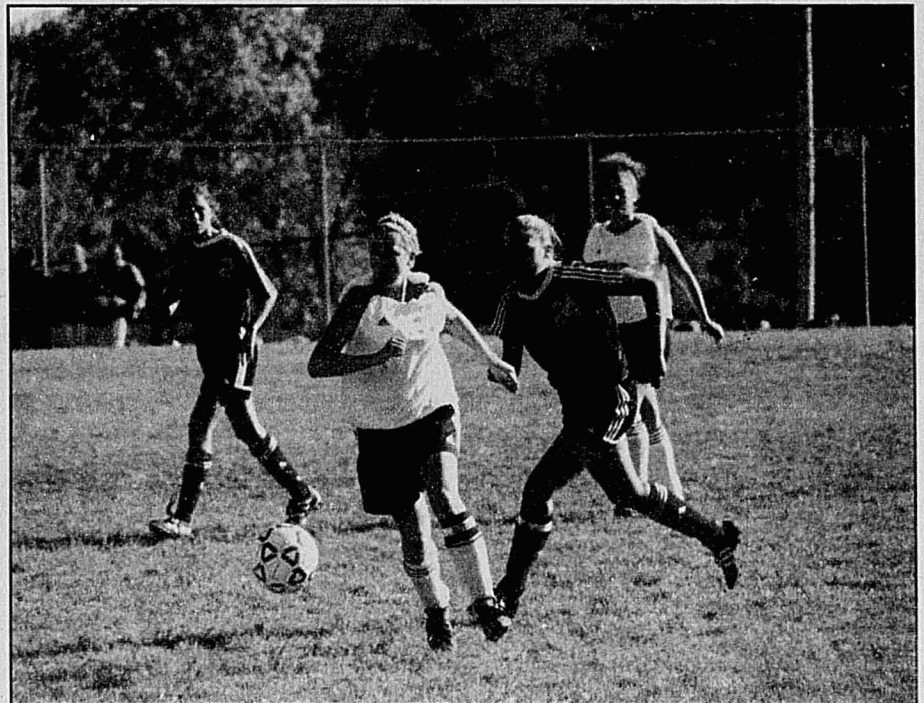
"All I have ever asked from my team is

that they go out there and play to their potential, and do their best," Head Coach Jeff Randolph said. "We have entered a new conference which has given us a new challenge. We have to go out there and perform our best and learn from our mistakes. That is what will make us a stronger team," he said.

Wilkerson said the team has the potential to win many games, but it is just a matter of hard practice and determination. "Our team works hard. We are determined to win at least one conference game so that we can go on to the playoffs," she said.

Randolph does not expect to win every game. "We can get beat by a better team, that's fine, but if we get beat by a team that is on our level, that is not acceptable. We need to go out there and play our hardest," he said.

Randolph feels that soccer is just a means to an end. He said everyone at Avila is here to get an education. "Education comes first. I feel that there is a lot to learn in life in general, and many ways to do that. Soccer is one of them. I want to put an emphasis on making them good people, not on winning," he said.



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Lindsay Todd weaves through the defense.



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Michael Johnson slides past the William Jewell defense.

Men's soccer still producing wins

Ryan Jackson
Sports Editor

The Avila men's soccer team has had one of its best starts in years. Their current record is 8-2-1 putting them in third place in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC).

Captain Tyler Barr attributes their success to being a defensive minded team. "We are a strong defensive team and as a whole we move the ball around very well. That is how we create offensive chances," Barr said.

The team's toughest game this year was a 3-2 loss to conference rival Lindenwood University. The Eagles are 1-2 in conference play, which means all the conference games will play a key role in deciding the fate of the team in the HAAC tournament.

In order to make the tournament, which will begin in late October, the Eagles

need to finish in the top four seeds in the conference. They are concentrating on going beyond the conference tournament. "We are focused on one thing; to make the national tournament," Barr said.

To get to nationals, they will have to maintain and surpass the level they are currently playing. "We need to be determined and work hard at the little things," Senior Captain Nate Lundberg said.

The team will have to bounce back from a loss to Benedictine to keep the national tournament in their sights. "We need to keep our focus and take each game one at a time, and we should continue to win," Barr said.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

What it takes to succeed

Jamalaa' Ferrell
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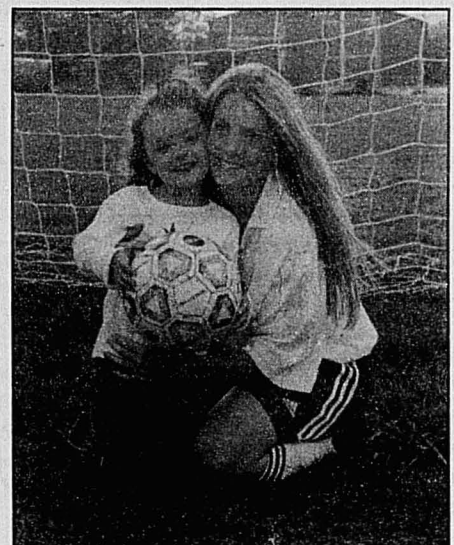
Determination, dedication, and motivation are the "keys to success," for senior marketing major Chrissy Webb. She is a captain of the women's soccer team and an intern for Avila's Student Resource Center for Career Services.

"Being the captain for the women's soccer team for the past three years has been a good experience," Webb said. "We have good girls on the team with great potential."

Webb, 21 years old, has tackled many challenges including being a mother, a student, an athlete, and a working woman. She plans to graduate from Avila in December 2001, and is working toward her master's in management, which she will finish from Avila in the fall of 2002.

"Chrissy is a very busy person, and she is hard to catch up with because she works and attends school at night," Sally, Webb's mother, said.

She is also a gymnastics instructor for Broadway Babies, a waitress for three years at Jack Stack Barbecue restaurant and a mother to her four-year-old daughter,



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Chrissy Webb, with daughter Darby.

Darby Raine.

Webb's parents "have been a huge support financially and mentally to me, while I [have been] in school...helping me with my daughter," she said.

Webb would have had a difficult time managing her time, without support from her parents. "My mother baby-sits when I attend my night classes. When I work during the day, Darby attends Avila's on-campus day care," Webb said.

Being a mother has driven Webb to finish college and not end up as a drop-out statistic. "My motivation to stay in school was to support myself and to better my life for the sake of my daughter. My parents expected me to finish college, even with the challenges of motherhood," Webb said.

Webb anticipates she will work in corporate America upon graduating from Avila.



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Chrissy Webb on the attack.

Who ya gonna call?

Jimmy Vogel
Staff Writer

They are creaking footsteps and the prickliness on the back of your neck. They go bump in the night and open doors. Are they the unexplained, the imagination, or ghosts?

According to the International Society of Paranormal Research (ISPR), ghosts are everywhere. Dr. Larry Montz, a parapsychologist, created the ISPR 28 years ago in Southern California, which remains the first and only professional paranormal research team in the world.

Ghostly ideas range from the stories about Angus in Goppert Theater to fictional stories told around campfires. The ISPR

website reported that most ghost stories are based on facts, but it is difficult to determine whether or not these stories are true. How can someone uncover a legitimate haunting? The ISPR performs expeditions in a chosen area for the fee of \$5,000 per day. With tips from the ISPR website, it is possible to substantiate a haunting without the expense.

According to the website, the first step is to research the suspicious location and conclude whether or not there were any tragic deaths, or other horror stories surrounding the area. Cemeteries and old run-down houses are said to be good places to

find paranormal activity.

Proper equipment is important, for example cameras, film and flashlights. Video cameras are useful in picking up any abnormal sounds. The ISPR website urges people to never use a Ouija Board, or attempt to contact the ghost in any way. They feel that Ouija Boards do not work and make contacting spirits more difficult.

The ISPR website also stated it is important to check with the weather services in the area. It is easier to pick up activity during full moons or geomagnetic storms (solar flares).

According to ISPR, any town with a

profound history will have paranormal activity. An abundance of activity was found when the ISPR visited several places in Kansas City, including Westport and the Plaza.

With Halloween a few days away, people will attempt to find the ultimate scare. The ISPR urges that people who go ghost hunting respect their surroundings.

For more information on the International Society of Paranormal Research, contact them at their website at www.ISPR.net and learn how to become a Ghostbuster.

Sweets for Halloween

Nicole Kelly
Staff Writer

Halloween is here and you are ready. You found the perfect Britney Spears look-alike wig, glow in the dark spiders and bugs decorate your door, and you rented all of the *Nightmare on Elm Street* movies for your Halloween movie bash. Suddenly, you hear a knock on the door.

You open the door and in front of you stand three miniature versions of Harry Potter, Barbie, and what appears to be a zombie-clown. A sudden sense of urgency washes over you as you remember a scene from Adam Sandler's movie *Big Daddy*, where Adam ransacks the home of the "no-candy-man." You forgot to buy the treats for your trick-or-treaters.

This Halloween little ghouls may visit your door, and being prepared may keep you from being "tricked." There is a wide array of candy available for your treat bucket. Starting at the local grocery store you can find name brand manufacturers who have made special efforts for the holiday. Other resources include a stop at a bulk candy store, or one online.

Hershey's brand candies sells its most popular treats in special snack sizes for Halloween, as well as selling special variety packs of your favorite candies. Hershey also makes its candy bars available in bite-size portions and adds festive holiday wrappers.

to many of their candy lines.

Russell Stover gets in on the Halloween theme with special treats for the holiday as well. Stover creates unique shaped chocolates, and marshmallow treats of popular Halloween figures including Frankenstein monsters, witches, and vampires. They complete the look with colorful wrappers of the same style.

Candywarehouse.com is an online candy store similar to a Mr. Bulky's retail outlet that has a special section for Halloween. They feature unique bulk candies like gum or jawbreaker eyeballs, ghostly glow pops (they actually glow in the dark), gummy brains, teeth, pumpkins and more. They also have traditional candy taffies in black and orange wrappers, as well as some gourmet selections including Goelitz's gourmet candy corn.

If you wanted to be more original with your candy selection you could try your hand at homemade treats. There are over 50 web sites that offer suggestions. Traditional favorites include chocolate candy suckers, caramel corn, popcorn balls, warm apple cider, and candy or caramel apples. Some easy-to-make recipes can be found at www.trickortreats.com.



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From Hershey to Stover, Butterfingers to Blow-Pops, there is a wide variety of candy for your trick-or-treat bag.

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Chevy Nova claims hoopty of the month

Betsy Rechten
Staff Writer

Sophomore Lucas Wiester gets into his car, and knows that he might be sitting there for awhile. "It doesn't always start right away, but it will eventually," Wiester said.

Wiesters owns a 1976 Chevy Nova. The car has 150,000 miles on it and can go 0 to 60 in 20 seconds. He got it for \$350 from someone he knew in high school.

"The guy was a drug dealer and the

cops were recognizing his car too much, so he had to get rid of it," Wiester said.

The car also came with an installed 8-track player.

"I had to take out the 8-track player because I only had two 8-tracks, and that got old after awhile," Wiester said. He found a tape player on the side of the road, and installed it in his car.

Wiesters has many stories about his car,

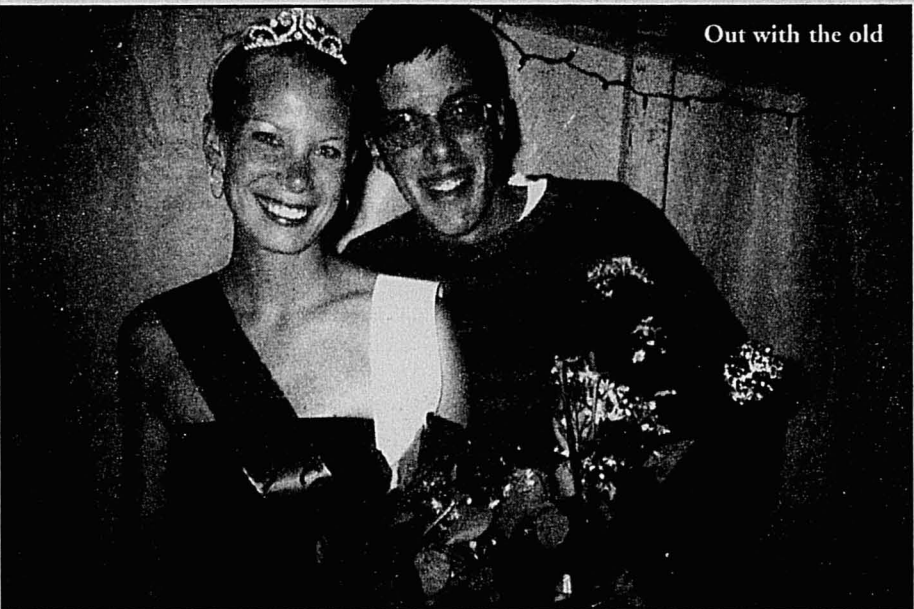
including the time when he took it mudding.

"The car has no clearance, and it got stuck in the mud. A cow came over and started pushing up against it," Wiester said.

Sophomores Melissa Stovall and Jennifer Smith have ridden in Wiester's car. "Every time we turned it felt like we were on two wheels and we were going to flip over," Stovall said.

"I was kind of concerned whether or not it was going to break down while we were driving," Smith said. "It had a nice musty smell."

Wiesters has put \$1,000 into rebuilding his car and says he will never get rid of it because it is a good car. "I'm going to fix it up 'til it's not a hoopty anymore," he said.



Courtesy of Jason Baldwin

Retiring homecoming queen and king, Sara Maley and Jeremiah Miles.



Courtesy of Jason Baldwin

Newly elected homecoming king and queen, Chris Dukes and Kim Brim.

November 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MB- Men's Basketball WB- Women's Basketball					1 Campus Clean Up 2 1:30-3:30 p.m. Meet in front of Blasco First Year Seminar Workshop 12:30-1:30 p.m.	3
4	What to do with a Master's Degree in Psychology 4:30-6:00 p.m. Hodes Room 725	5 6	7	8 KC Ad Club Career Day 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call 816-822-0300 WB vs. Baptist Bible College at 5:30 p.m. MB vs. Baptist Bible College at 7:30 p.m.	9	10 WB vs. St. Mary's at 4:00 p.m.
11	12 Registration for Seniors and Certification Students	13 Registration for Seniors, Juniors, and Certification Students	14 Registration for Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Certification Students Casino Night 8:00 p.m. Marian Center	15 Registration for Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen, and Certification Students WB vs. Missouri Baptist at 7:00 p.m.	16 First Year Seminar Workshop 12:30-1:30 p.m.	17 All About Avila Day
18 Avila College Week of Giving	19 WB vs. Kansas Wesleyan College at 6:00 p.m.	20	21 Thanksgiving Break No Classes	22 Thanksgiving Break No Classes THANKSGIVING	23 Thanksgiving Break No Classes	24 WB vs. Harris Stowe State College at 2:00 p.m.
25 MB vs. William Penn at 2:00 p.m.	26	27	28	29	30	31

Idiots in the residence halls

Karen Guber
Editor-In-Chief

After spending three years enjoying the quality of Avila residence life (you should detect a hint of sarcasm here), I am thankful every single day that I no longer live on campus.

Living in the dorms, there are always things to complain about: the food is bad, my roommate is getting on my nerves or there is no hot water. In these instances, you only have one choice, suck it up and go on about your day.

The complaint list has grown into something more than she borrowed my shirt without asking or he ate my last package of Ramen noodles. I listen in utter disgust as current residents complain about what their fellow dorm dwellers are doing to their home.

Things were bad when I lived on campus. People did not flush the toilets, even when there were signs on the back of the stall doors specifically asking them to. Fire alarms were pulled at three in the morning during the freezing cold and people even turned off the power to the entire floor. I could not even tell you how many people missed classes the next morning.

We had fun soaping up and sliding across the kitchen floor. How could we forget the stripper that was invited up to enter-

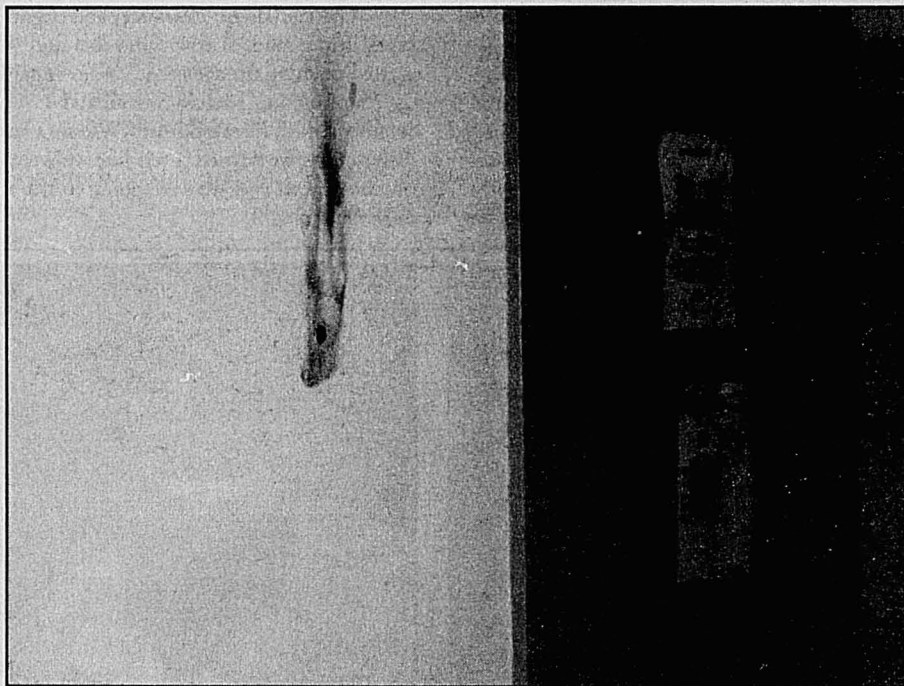
tain us at a birthday party? Yes, it is college, however, it seems that the stupidity has reached an all-time high.

Some of the recent incidents include shooting off bottle rockets underneath doors, egging doors, and smearing excre-

ment in the elevators. Not only is this ignorant, it is unsanitary and unhealthy. Where do these ideas come from? Do you sit around your room and think, "Hey, I have to go the bathroom, but instead of using the toilet I think I will use the elevator?"

You would not act this way in your parents' house. Your mom would have your head on a platter if you decided to urinate all over the bathroom floor just because you thought it would be "cool." The fact that you are not at home and have this newfound freedom does not give you the right to ruin it for everyone else.

What is going through your head? All the alcohol may have killed those last few brain cells that were battling for control, but that or anything else is no excuse for this behavior. If you do not have better things to do with your time, then maybe you should look into community service or something that would make use of those spare moments. I feel sorry for the innocent bystanders that have to put up with these idiots and even more sorry for the house-keeping crew that has to clean up after them. Two words: grow up.



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An unidentifiable substance that is probably not a piece of art.

Campus talk

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With all of the negativity surrounding the residence halls, what is a positive experience you have had?

Megan Bridge - Communication
"Personally, the negativity has not affected me or my outlook toward the residence halls. We continue to have fun with late-night Uno games."



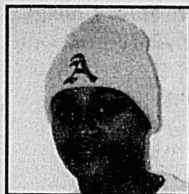
Briana Felix - Political Science
"The new computer labs, in comparison to last year, are a lot better. I feel more comfortable and at ease dealing with problematic people than I did last year."



Yun-Ju Chen "Doris" - Psychology
"The residence halls are very convenient and make school easier. I am not tempted to skip class since I am already here."



Stephen Mitsch - Theater
"Sweet Tart fights in the halls."



Toya Westbrook - Communication
"Meeting new people of all grade levels is nice, especially when playing dominoes and cards."



Terrell Tigner - Ridgway Resident Director
"It is nice seeing residents grow, coming in as freshmen and continuing to learn. Residents growing from mistakes they have made is also a positive experience."

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